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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice and in connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.